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Maps: G.S.G.S. 4336 and 4249, 1:100,000 ~~THE VICINITY OF~~  
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(Situation Map attached). ~~SERIAL NUMBER~~

1. FRONT LINE: See Map.

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BOUNDARY CHANGE:

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Boundary between III and VII Corps: Present boundary to F4935, thence south along railroad to STADT MECKENHEIM F4925 (incl III Corps) - VILLIP F5426 (incl VII Corps) - BERKUM F5725 - OBERWINTER F6224 (both incl III Corps) - thence along present boundary east of RHINE River.

2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: See Map.

3. ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS.

SIXTH ARMY GROUP. (191200A). 5th French Armored Division. (Less CC6). No change.

FIRST FRENCH ARMY. 14th French Division, I and II Corps. All no change.

SEVENTH ARMY. 4th and 44th Division. No change. 13th Armored Division. Continued movement to the vicinity of LUNEVILLE V0899.

VI Corps. 3d Algerian Division. (With CC6 5th Fr Armd Div atchd). Advanced east to the line R1716 - R2728 along the RHINE River. Captured HATTEN R1833 and RITTERSHOFFEN R1533. Advanced north six miles on a five-mile front, captured SCHEIBENHARD R2942 and SALMBACH R2442 and reached LAUTERBOURG R3241. Combat Command "6" crossed the LAUTER River at R2643. Front line change: RHINE River R1716 - R2728 and LAUTERBOURG R3241 - SCHEIBENHARD R2942 - R2744 - SALMBACH R2442. 14th Armored Division. Combat Command "A" reached LAUTERBOURG R3241 where house-to-house fighting continued at the close of the period. Assisted the 3d Algerian Division in the capture of SCHEIBENHARD R2942 and SALMBACH R2542. 36th Division. Advanced up to seven miles on a three and one-half mile front and entered RIEDSELTZ R1543, ROTT R1247 and OBERHOFFEN-LES-WISSEMBOURG R1346 where light opposition was encountered. Front line change: R1747 - RIEDSELTZ R1543 - OBERHOFFEN-LES-WISSEMBOURG R1346 - ROTT R1247. 42d Division. Advanced five miles north on a five-mile front through the FORET DAMBACH Q9347 and the FORET DOMANIALE DE LEMBACH R0049 and crossed the stream in the vicinity of Q9654. Front line change: R0453 - R0253 - Q9654.

XV Corps. 71st Division. Continued the relief of the 100th Division. 100th Division. Commenced movement to an assembly area in the vicinity of Q7856. 106th Cavalry Group. Captured BOTTENBACH Q8264 and KL. STEINHAUSEN Q8066 and reached the road in the vicinity of Q8068. 3d Division. Attacked fortifications of the SIEGFRIED Line and made a slight advance to the vicinity of Q7572. 45th Division. Gained one mile on a four-mile front. Mopped up remaining resistance in WEBENHEIM Q6671, BLIESKASTER Q6571 and ALSCHBACH Q6371. Front line change: Q7070 - Q6772 - ALSCHBACH Q6371. 6th Armored Division. Commenced movement to an assembly area in the vicinity of OERMINGEN Q5544.

XXI Corps. 63d Division. Made a slight advance through outer defenses of the SIEGFRIED Line against determined resistance. Front line change: Q5971.

TWENTY-FIRST ARMY GROUP. NINTH U S ARMY. (192400A). XIX Corps. No change.

XIII Corps. No change.

XVI Corps. 30th Division. 117th Infantry assembled in the vicinity of A1528 at 182330A.

SECOND BRITISH ARMY. 11th Armored Division, VIII, XII and XXX Corps. All no change.

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FIRST CANADIAN ARMY. II Canadian Corps. 4th Canadian Armored Brigade and 29th Canadian Reconnaissance Regiment. Commenced movement to a training area in the vicinity of E1941.

I Canadian Corps. No change.

I British Corps. No change.

AIR. (19 March). Eighth Air Force: Dispatched 1,273 bombers to eastern and southwestern Germany against three synthetic oil plants, a benzol plant, a power station, an anti-aircraft battery, two airfields, one aircraft assembly plant and one aircraft parts factory. 1,224 aircraft dropped 2,914.6 tons of general purpose and 228.8 tons of incendiary bombs on assigned targets and on several targets of opportunity. Claims included four enemy aircraft. Eighteen bombers were lost. 550 fighter aircraft sortied in support of the bomber forces. Claims included ten enemy aircraft. Three aircraft were lost. Ninety-eight fighter aircraft sortied on freelance missions as a result of which an estimated forty-nine enemy aircraft were destroyed or damaged. Losses: One aircraft. Ninth Air Force: IX Bomber Division: Dispatched 590 bombers against targets which included railroad bridges at BAD OEYNHAHSEN W7200, LAGE B7277, MDR. MARSBERG B7819, VOLKMARSEN B9613 and NETZE G9592; a communications center at ENGELSKIRCHEN F7765 and a marshalling yard at WUPPERTAL F5896. 1,804 fighter/fighter bomber sorties were flown. Claims included 21 enemy aircraft, 1,007 motor transport, 59 tanks or armored vehicles, 117 locomotives and 1,229 railroad cars. Seven aircraft were lost.

#### 4. WEATHER (Battle Area).

Precipitation: Light intermittent rain and drizzle. Clouds: Broken low clouds spreading southeastward during the day. Visibility: 1 to 2 miles at dawn, improving to 4 to 6 miles by 1200A and to more than 6 miles during the afternoon. Wind: Varying southwest to west, 23 mph. Temperatures at NAMUR: Maximum 57° F. Minimum 45° F.

#### 5. OUR OPERATIONS.

TWELFTH ARMY GROUP. 66th Division. No change.

THIRD ARMY. XX Corps. 65th Division. (With 3d Cav Gp atchd). Advanced up to six miles east on a seven-mile front, captured ENSDORF Q3079 and reached BUSS Q3275. Front line change: BUSS Q3275 - Q3783. 26th Division. Advanced three miles on a fifteen-mile front and reached OTTWEILER Q5889 and FURTH Q6491. Front line change: Q3986 - Q5186 and OTTWEILER Q5889 - FURTH Q6491. 80th Division. Advanced eight miles while mopping up the area gained by 10th Armored Division. 318th Infantry was attached to the 10th Armored Division. 94th Division. Mopped up in the zone of action of 12th Armored Division. 10th Armored Division. (With 318th Inf atchd). Advanced sixteen miles on a nine-mile front and reached the northwest outskirts of KAISERSLAUTERN R0293. Front line change: Q7093 - Q7293 - Q7996 - Q7890 - R0195 - R0098. 12th Armored Division. Advanced fifteen miles east on a ten-mile front. Front line change: L9905 - M0907 - M0611 - M0614. 16th Cavalry Group. Captured MORSCHEID L5431. Front line change: MORSCHEID L5431 - L5927. 3d Cavalry Group. Attached to the 65th Division.

XII Corps. Resistance on the corps front was, in general, light and disorganized. 76th Division. (Less the 385th Inf). 1st Battalion 304th Infantry advanced to L4842. The 417th Infantry was attached to VIII Corps and commenced movement thereto. Front line change: L4842. 89th Division. Mopped up behind 11th Armored Division and reached BERSCHWEILER L7530, KIRN L8032, HENNWEILER L7835 and KELLENBACH L8238. The 355th Infantry was attached to the 11th Armored Division. Front line change: BERSCHWEILER L7530. 5th Division. Mopped up behind 4th Armored Division and entered BAD KREUZNACH M0938 and WOLLSTEIN M1635. The 10th Infantry was attached to the 4th Armored Division. 11th Armored Division. (With the 355th Inf atchd). Advanced fifteen miles on a six-mile front and entered DIELKIRCHEN M0517. Front line change: M0615 - DIELKIRCHEN M0517. 4th Armored Division. (With 10th Inf atchd). Advanced eight miles southeast on a ten-mile front, entered ALZEEY M2727 and captured ALBIG M2730. 359th Infantry reverted to the 90th Division on

18 March. Front line change: M1938 - ALZEY M2727 - ALBIC M2730 - M2884. 80th Division, (With 2d Cav Gp atched). Passed through the left of the 4th Armored Division and entered UMDENHEIM M3438, SORGENLOCH M3342, ESSENHEIM M3048; OBR, HILBERSHEIM M2144, ASPISHEIM M1745, DROMERSHEIM M1647 and SPONSHEIM M1347. Front line change: M3438 - M3342 - M3048 - M2144 - M1745 - M1647 - M1347. 2d Cavalry Group. Attached to the 90th Division.

VIII Corps. All organized resistance in the corps zone has ceased. 385th Infantry. Relieved the 2d Cavalry Group on the line of the RHINE River from the vicinity of ST. GOAR L9972 north to the vicinity of BOPPARD L8981. 87th Division. Cleared the enemy from KOBLENZER STADT WALD L8790 to the west bank of the RHINE River. Front line change: L9187 - L9093. 28th Division. Relieved the 6th Cavalry Group on the line of the RHINE River north of KOBLENZ L9094. 6th Cavalry Group. Assembled in the vicinity of L6099.

FIRST ARMY. V Corps. 2d Division. The 9th Infantry occupied without opposition an island F7207 in the RHINE River.

III Corps. 99th Division. Captured HAMMERSSTEIN F7209 and RHEIMBROHL F7110. Advanced three miles south on a three-mile front against light resistance. Front line change: F7307 - F7408 - F7610. 9th Division. Made a small gain against moderate to stiff opposition and straightened the front line. Captured LINKELBACH F7425. Front line change: F7427. 7th Armored Division. Attached to VII Corps for operational control only at 192400A.

VII Corps. 1st Division. (With CCR 3d Armd Div atched). Advanced one and one-half to two miles on a seven-mile front against scattered resistance and moderate artillery, mortar and rocket fire. Captured EUDENBACH F7132 and RUTTSCHIED F6732. Front line change: F7428 - F7531 - F7232 - F7133 - F7034 - F6934 - F6834 - F6735 - F6635 - F6534. 78th Division. Advanced one to two miles on a four-mile front against light to moderate small arms and automatic weapons fire. Captured BENNERT F6533 and OBERCASSEL F6034. Front line change: F6336 - F6236 - F6137 - F6037 - F5938 - F5837. 3d Armored Division. Combat Command "R" was attached to the 1st Division at 200700A.

FIFTEENTH ARMY. 106th Division. Closed in its assembly area near ST. QUENTIN N8148 at 161900A. 13th Armored, 16th Armored, 20th Armored, 86th, 97th Divisions. All no change.

XXII Corps. Commenced move from VOUZIERS T7994 to ARLON P6123.

XXIII Corps. No change.

6. CASUALTIES. (cumulative to 192400A).

	Killed	Wounded	Missing	Captured	Total
Twelfth Army Group Battle	64,638	264,172	35,674	9,114	373,598
Non-battle					274,759
Total Casualties					648,357

7. COMMAND POSTS: Changes during the day.

Sixth Army: XV Corps GUIISING Q6552; 36th Division MORSBRONN-LES-BAINS R0033; 42d Division PHILIPPSBOURG Q8742; 45th Division BREITFURT Q6466; 103d Division LEMBACH R0445; 3d Algerian Division SOUFFLENHEIM R1625; 6th Armored Division OERMINGEN Q5544; 14th Armored Division NIEDERBETSCHDORF R1233.

Twenty-First Army Group: XVI Corps LINTFORT A1822; XII British Corps A0632; 30th Division ALPEN A1531; 53d Division APPELTERN E5162.

Twelfth Army Group: 5th Division WINTERBURG L9340; 26th Division DIRMINGEN Q4791; 65th Division VILLING Q1976; 90th Division WINESHEIM M0545; 94th Division BAUMHOLDER L7113; 12th Armored Division BAUMHOLDER L7113.

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